

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: the Application of Tadahiko IIISANO
For:EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ACCESSING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir,

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the enclosed and above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please correct Figures 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 19, 25 and 27 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 2, change "I/O Expansion Device and Apparatus Using the Same" to --EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ACCESSING SAME--;

line 4, change "enables" to --enable--; and

line 31, change "providie" to --provide--.

Page 2, line 3, change "applied" to --applying--;

line 7, change "Disclosure" to --Summary--;

line 22, change "claim 1" to --one aspect--, and change "aplication" to --invention--;

line 24, change "sellecting" to --selecting--;

line 27, change "expantion" to --expansion--;

line 28, change "an" to --a--;

line 29, change "an" to --a--;

line 31, change "an" to --a--; and

line 33, change "expantion" to --expansion--.

Page 3, line 3, change "sellecting" to --selecting--;

line 6, change "feched" to --fetched--;

line 11, delete "with";

line 13, change "provides" to --provide--;

line 15, change "expantion" to --expansion--;